

May 13, 2003

The Honorable Michael J Copps, Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. SW Washington DC 20554



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Dear Mr. Copps:

I ask that you not let up on the broadcast ownership rules that protect Americans from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the citizens of the U.S.A., in the name of democracy and freedom, I ask you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

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Chairman Michael K. Powell Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, Dc 20554 **Jonfirme**d

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Dear Chairman Powell:

Raising the ownership cap on media outlets, and continuing the practise of using a formula that discounts the actual audience of UHF stations is unacceptable.

This is a threat to democracy from within. We are all too terribly aware of the debasing of our democracy over the past two years in the name of "terrorism", and "patriotism".

This is a sham to consolidate power, further among the very wealthy. We patently reject government, "Of The Rich, By The Rich, For The Rich".

To implement such changes is UNAMERICAN.

Thank You,
Judith A. Zygelman

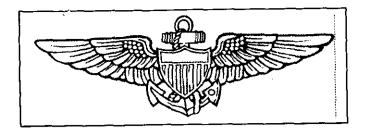
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Commissioner

445 12 Street SW

Washington, DC 20554

I am writing to ask you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American Citizens from media monopolies.

The proposed changes would make it easier for media conglomerates to gain control of radio and television news and information in communities nationwide. Many of the corporations lobbying to relax these ownership riles already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

Americans deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our republic and our freedom, and in supporting the first amendment's effectiveness, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have ensured healthy political debate in our great land.

Thank you

Peter Harmon

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Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket No. 02-277 Don't abandon media safeguards!

Dear FCC Commissioners,



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Eliminating these last remaining protections of the public trust would constitute a complete abandonment of the FCC's mission to ensure that our airwaves, which are owned by all Americans, are used in a manner which ensures the diverse range of voices and opinions needed in a healthy democracy. Loss of these protections would constitute a huge and unacceptable giveaway of public resources and political power to a few large and powerful media companies.

Further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues. Americans depend upon the media to bring us information that will allow us to make the informed choices necessary for the well-being of our nation and our future.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I urge you to reject the current proposal to abandon the last remaining controls on media consolidation. Instead, I strongly urge you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Most sincerely

Margot Gwin.

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Most sincerely,

Francis Desmoulin

Debbie Desmoulin

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Date: May 15, 2003

To: Mr. Copps

Federal Communications Commission

From: Tim & Debbie Richards

6217 W. 156th Street Overland Park, KS 66223 MAY 2 2 2003
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Subject: Against Easing Media Ownership Rules

I would like to express my concerns against the easing of restrictions on media ownership. This has the great potential for limiting and controlling information available to the general public. Indirectly, but very effectively, this can limit free speech and put the ability to manipulate public opinion in the hands of a few people.

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Dear Mr. Martin,

I urge you to NOT RELAX the broadcast ownership rules that protect ALL AMERICANS from media monopolies!!

These proposed changes would surely pave the way for the already very large media conglomerates to gain near total control of television and radio news information delivery to the public in many communities across the entire nation. As you may already be aware, many of these corporations that are currently lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have an established track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

Doing so changes their industry-wide mission of "reporting the news to the public" to "influencing the public with their version of the news", making what is commonly "presented as news" really <u>propaganda</u>. This is contrary to the principles of a "free press" in this country, which is one of the guiding principles the FCC is charged with protecting.

The American people deserve, indeed it is their right, to hear more than one point of view on all issues in all markets. Therefore, for the sake of freedom of the press, as well as for our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to insure an informed public and a healthy political debate in our country. Anything less will convert American media into a third world equivalent of near or actual dictatorial controlled media. That is simply not acceptable and is un-American.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioners:

You will be voting on June 2 on historic measures concerning the US media.

I would like you to take the time to consider a few points:

- Media conglomeration and control has already seized our media outlets.
 Diversity will not be fostered when a few wealthy and powerful own most of our cable, newspapers, and TV stations.
- 2) Our democracy depends on an open forum and open access system.
- 3) Liberal AND conservative viewpoints can only be given equal footing when media sources are not controlled by a single 'party' or ideology.

I believe that you all have received a large and concerned response on this extremely important and pressing issue.

I would like to believe that if you have the true welfare of our country at heart, you will heed the plea to come to the aid of all the citizens of this great country.

The world is watching.

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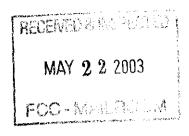
Dear Commissioner Martin;

I am very concerned over the Commission's intention to further relax ownership restrictions. There is already too little diversity in news and opinion in the major media.

I am very strongly opposed to any further "consolidation" or monopolization of broadcast media ownership. They are "our" airwaves, after all!

Sincerely yours,

Neil Rest



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Christine Cory P.O. Box 598 Albion, CA 95410

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Hospital Internal Medicine,

Charles S. Wilson MD Phone 352-332-9327

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I am writing this letter to ask you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from giant media monopolies. Proposed changes would allow media conglomerates again too much control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. These corporations that are lobbying the Federal Communications Commission to relax these ownership rules have a long history of trying to present only their own political viewpoint.

The American public has a right to hear more than one point of view on important issues. In order to help preserve our freedom and democracy, I ask you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that have helped foster healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Wilson

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We feel very strongly that the residents of all American cities and rural areas, should have an opportunity to review and consider all sides of the news, information and access to political philosophy. The FCC has, for many generations, prevented monopoly ownership of radio and television outlats throught The country. This is a policy That is in Keeping with our freedomloving population, and we hope you will not allow large corporations to gain total control of radio and TV stations, in any community. Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I urge you \underline{NOT} to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

Such proposed changes proposed by American media conglomerates would serve only to pave a highway for them to promote their own socialist agenda, ideologies and rob Americans of their constitutionally protected freedom of speech. Such proposed changes in broadcast ownership would be categorically deleterious to social and moral discourse and provides no bona fide benefit to the American public.

Subjugation of radio and television information by any commercial interest, regardless of their respective fidelity, is dangerous. And as a "protector" of American interests your office is one of public trust. And it is disconcerting to see any FCC Commissioner, under any circumstance, having the audacity to even consider such a suggestion by commercial interests.

I hope you will take your position of trust seriously, for the benefit of the American people and the preservation of American ideals, and be circumspect in your decision making and reject any such proposal forthwith both now and in the future.

Respectfully,

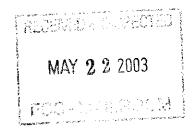
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to urge you not to relax broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

Changes that have been proposed would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain control of radio and television news in communities across our nation. Many of the corporations now lobbying the FCC to relax the ownership rules already have a known track record for attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues that affect us all. Please continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure healthy political debates in our country.

Yours sincerely.

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Ms. Abernathy:

I am writing to remind the members of the Federal Communications Commission that you are responsible for ensuring that the media "serve the public interest." I am concerned that if the FCC continues to relax regulations on media ownership, the victor will be big business--and the casualties will be the people of the U.S.

The free flow of information, the benefits of local competition and the power of a diverse marketplace will virtually disappear.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review the remaining regulations. These regulations must be kept in place, and strengthened, not weakened. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

Sarah Tynes

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17932 Angling Road Stanwood, MI 49346

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Gene & Mary La Sarge 4130 Grandview Ter. SW Grandville, MI 49418 May 12, 2003

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The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues, or news that presents only one side of a story. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure diversity and healthy debate in our country.

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The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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The Honorable Michael J. Copps Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12TH Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Copps,

I urge you to NOT RELAX the broadcast ownership rules that protect ALL AMERICANS from media monopolies!!

These proposed changes would surely pave the way for the already very large media conglomerates to gain near total control of television and radio news information delivery to the public in many communities across the entire nation. As you may already be aware, many of these corporations that are currently lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have an established track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

Doing so changes their industry-wide mission of "reporting the news to the public" to "influencing the public with their version of the news", making what is commonly "presented as news" really <u>propaganda</u>. This is contrary to the principles of a "free press" in this country, which is one of the guiding principles the FCC is charged with protecting.

The American people deserve, indeed it is their right, to hear more than one point of view on all issues in all markets. Therefore, for the sake of freedom of the press, as well as for our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to insure an informed public and a healthy political debate in our country. Anything less will convert American media into a third world equivalent of near or actual dictatorial controlled media. That is simply not acceptable and is un-American.

Sincerely.

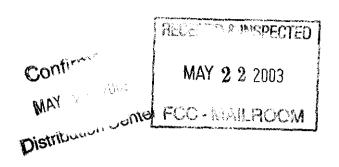
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John H. Burggraaff